

ABSTRACT

WA-VI-037

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(140)

missing milestone 1767; site 1902

Bellegrove, Maryland vicinity

Public/private

Milestone No. ---(140), now missing, was part of an original Mason and Dixon milestone of 1767, brought to a new site on the West Line and ^{first} set in 1902 during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It was firmly in place though only in fair condition when photographed by Dr. Trussell (c. 1948), and recorded at the time of the field inspection in 1950 as: "Original monument in solid foundation; badly damaged--top and north side badly chipped. Letter P nearly gone, letter M partially visible." (Bayliff, 1959, p. 109) According to the surrounding property owner, this milestone disappeared sometime in the late 1960's; and the demise of the monument's above-ground portion or ^{unexposed} below-ground base (if still in place?) is not known. And since the preceding monument, No. ---(139) and the next monument west, No. ---(141) are only about 1.3 miles apart, this site may not ^{need to} be reestablished or monument replaced in order to preserve the ^{visual} integrity of the West Line in this area.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

1. Name (indicate preferred name) *

historic (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

* and/or common MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 140)

2. Location

street & number off east side of High Germany Road/LR-29001 not for publicationcity, town Bellegrove vicinity of congressional district MD: 6 / PA: 9

state Maryland county MD: Washington / PA: Fulton

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status N/A	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	<u> </u> Public Acquisition	<u> </u> Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other: boundary marker

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

(monument only; see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)
name State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

(also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

title Washington County Historic Sites Inventory

date WA-VI-037 entered 2/24/81 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move
<input type="checkbox"/> fair (site) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> additional site

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today. the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary

Milestone No. ---(140), according to the ^{notes of the} 1900-03 Resurvey of / (MGS Vol. 7, 1908, p. 93), was "Part of one of the old Mason and Dixon monuments... of 1767, presumably brought from the vicinity of Clear Spring, Maryland, and first ^{by the Resurvey} set in 1902 at an additional site on the West Line. It was in place ^{firmly set, in fair condition} when photographed c. 1948, and when field surveyed during the 1950 inspection, then it disappeared sometime (estimated by the surrounding property owner) around the late 1960's. The site is unexposed, ^{present condition and} and the demise of the milestone is not known.

The area here is rural, sloping open farmed lands along a ridge, sparsely settled, and surrounded by extensive woodlands, mostly along the many streams flowing into the winding Sideling Hill Creek a short distance to the west. The site (according to the Resurvey engineer's map, Plates XLIX and L, MGS Vol. 7, 1908) would be about 100 to 125 feet east of High Germany Road, and a few feet south of an old wire fence ^{judging} (from B&W contact photo by Dr. A. L. Trussell c. 1948). It is within Election District 5 of Washington County, MD, and Union Township of Fulton County, PA; about 1.8 miles northeast of the small scattered settlement of Bellegrove, MD, and US 40. When the monument was in place, it probably could have been seen from the road.

The milestone, as with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, was an oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved in England, and originally measured about 12 inches square by about 4 feet or more long, cut to stand about 3 feet high with the base left rough-cut for setting into the ground. The distinguishing embellishments were the vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, and the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk in the center of a plain shallow circle panel near the top. Until a ^{Mason-Dixon West Line project} Phase II search can be made of the National Archives records for the 1900-03 Resurvey, the size ^{and condition} of this stone is not known, though ^{the Trussell} photo of c. 1948 show an exposed concrete foundation (as set in 1902). The 1950 field inspection notes (Bayliff, 1959, p. 109) indicate it was "badly damaged--top and north side badly chipped. Letter "P" nearly gone, letter "M" partially visible." The Trussell photo of the south side shows the M ^{and circle panel} nearly intact, and some margins. The top appears sheared off; the width ^{looks} approximately 12 inches, as ^{does} the height above ground.

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) boundary surveying

Specific dates ^{missing milestone} (1767), site 1902 **Builder/Architect** Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

At present, the significance of this site is negligible. The monument, apparently only part of an original Mason and Dixon milestone of 1767, was not set until 1902, when the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary added it to the West Line at a new site. At least the above-ground portion of the milestone then disappeared (believed sometime in the 1960's) and neither its demise nor the existence of the below-ground base is known.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WA-VI--37

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than one acreQuadrangle name Bellegrove (MD-WV-PA) USGS 7.5 minuteQuadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Zone	Easting				Northing				

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Verbal boundary description and justification N/A

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state Maryland code county Washington codestate Pennsylvania code county Fulton code

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BELLE ROVE QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND - PENNSYLVANIA - WEST VIRGINIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

1951 PHOTO REV. 1974

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

DRDSBURG (JUNC. U.S. 522) 10 MI.
VALLEY 4 MI.

5363 IV SE
(AMARANTH)

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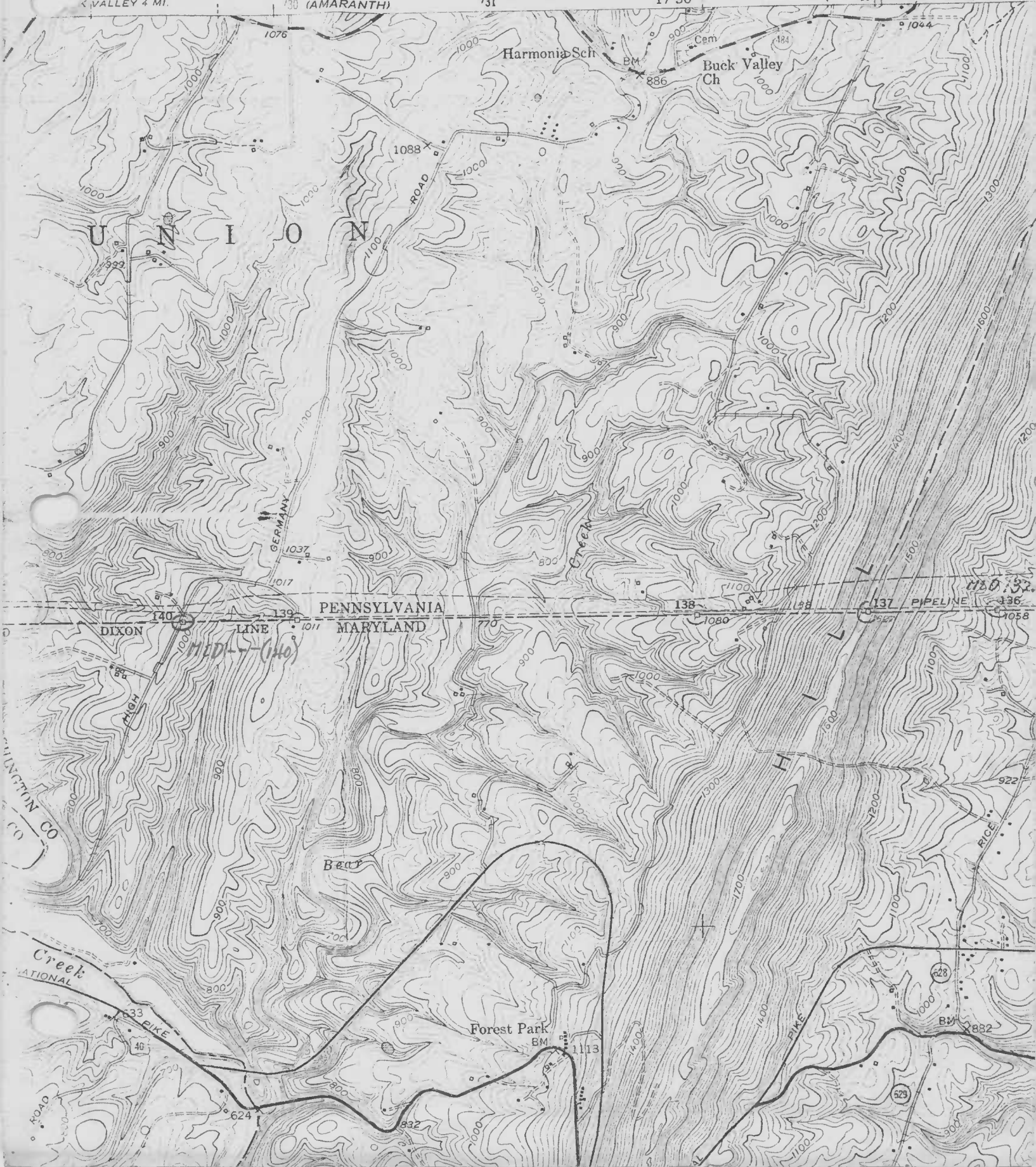
17'30"

733

440 000 FEET (MD.)

WARFORDSBURG

BUCK VALLEY



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